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FM AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 6131

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CASUALTY MESSAGE

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES (NICHOLS, VERNON ELMER AR.)

SUBJ: DEATH OF VERNON ELMER NICHOLS, JR.

REF.: STATE 99405

TO: MRS. M. KONARSKY

P.O. BOX 41

MITCHELL FARMS

MEDINA, OHIO

TEL: (22")7-2-6743

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF  
THE DEATH OF YOUR BROTHER, VERNON ELMER NICHOLS, JR.  
A FRIEND OF MR. NICHOLS INFORMED THE AMERICAN CONSULATE  
AT RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL ON APRIL 17 OF HIS DEATH BY  
NATURAL CAUSES ON APRIL 14, 1978 AT DUQUE DE CAXIAS,  
STATE OF RIO DE JANEIRO.

2. THE CONSULATE ATTEMPTED TO NOTIFY YOU BY TELEPHONE  
ON APRIL 28 BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN REACHING YOUR NUMBER.

3. YOUR BROTHER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY HIS PASSPORT,  
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ISSUED AT MEXICO CITY ON JANUARY 10, 1961. YOU WERE  
NAMED ON THE PASSPORT APPLICATION AS HIS NEXT-OF-KIN.

4. THE CONSULATE WILL TAKE CHARGE OF ANY PERSONAL  
EFFECTS MR. NICHOLS HAD AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING  
THEIR  
DISPOSITION.

5. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOU ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES A BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 21. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR BROTHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO MEDINA, OHIO WOULD COST

APPROXIMATELY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000). CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD COST ABOUT TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (2,500). IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IN DUQUE DE CAXIAS IS FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400). THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL

BURIAL IS ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500). ALL THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

6. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, WASHINGTON D.C. AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME

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YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

(B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, AT WASHINGTON D.C., TO BE RELAYED TO THE CONSULATE AT RIO DE JANEIRO. AGAIN, INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE.

(C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

7. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS

WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED

BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

8. LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF DEATH CERTIFICATE:  
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF THE DECEASED; NAMES OF PARENTS  
OF DECEASED, INCLUDING MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER.

9. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION  
OF THIS POST BY PHONING 252-8055 IN RIO DE JANEIRO,  
BRAZIL.

10. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

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AMCONSUL  
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL.  
DEXTER

NOTE BY OC/T: PASSED MEDINA, OHIO.

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